

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MELISA P.,

Plaintiff,

v.

5:19-CV-1045
(ML)

ANDREW SAUL,
Commissioner of Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

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MIROSLAV LOVRIC, United States Magistrate Judge

ORDER

Currently pending before the Court in this action, in which Plaintiff seeks judicial review of an adverse administrative determination by the Commissioner of Social Security, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 405(g) and 1383(c)(3), are cross-motions for judgment on the pleadings.¹ Oral

¹ This matter, which is before me on consent of the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), has been treated in accordance with the procedures set forth in General Order No. 18. Under that

argument was heard in connection with those motions on November 23, 2020, during a telephone conference conducted on the record. At the close of argument, I issued a bench decision in which, after applying the requisite deferential review standard, I found that the Commissioner's determination was not supported by substantial evidence, providing further detail regarding my reasoning and addressing the specific issues raised by Plaintiff in this appeal.

After due deliberation, and based upon the Court's oral bench decision, which has been transcribed, is attached to this order, and is incorporated herein by reference, it is

ORDERED as follows:

- 1) Plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings (Dkt. No. 11) is GRANTED.
- 2) Defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings (Dkt. No. 12) is DENIED.
- 3) The Commissioner's decision denying Plaintiff Social Security benefits is REVERSED.
- 4) This matter is REMANDED to the Commissioner, without a directed finding of disability, for further administrative proceedings consistent with this opinion and the oral bench decision, pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).
- 5) The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to enter judgment, based upon this determination, REMANDING this matter to the Commissioner for further administrative

General Order once issue has been joined, an action such as this is considered procedurally, as if cross-motions for judgment on the pleadings had been filed pursuant to Rule 12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

proceedings consistent with this opinion and the oral bench decision, pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) and closing this case.

Dated: November 25, 2020
Binghamton, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Miroslav Lovric", written over a horizontal line.

Miroslav Lovric
United States Magistrate Judge
Northern District of New York